

## [CHAPTER 609]

## AN ACT

To amend section 1064 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a Code of Law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, relating to admissibility of testimony by a party to a transaction when the other party is incapable of testifying.

June 24, 1948  
[S. 1266]  
[Public Law 745]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1064 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a Code of Law for the District of Columbia", approved March 3, 1901, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

31 Stat. 1357.  
D. C. Code § 14-302.

"SEC. 1064. TESTIMONY OF SURVIVING PARTY.—In any civil action against a person who, from any cause, is legally incapable of testifying, or against the committee, trustee, executor, administrator, heir, legatee, devisee, assignee, or other representative of a deceased person or of the person so incapable of testifying, no judgment or decree shall be rendered in favor of the plaintiff founded on the uncorroborated testimony of the plaintiff or of the agent, servant, or employee of the plaintiff as to any transaction with or action, declaration or admission of the deceased or incapable person; and in any such action, if the plaintiff or any agent, servant, or employee of the plaintiff testifies as to any transaction with or action, declaration, or admission of the deceased or incapable person, no entry, memorandum, or declaration, oral or written, by the deceased or incapable person, made while he was capable and upon his personal knowledge, shall be excluded as hearsay."

Approved June 24, 1948.

## [CHAPTER 610]

## AN ACT

Relating to salaries of certain officers and employees of the United States and certain officers and employees of Puerto Rico.

June 24, 1948  
[S. 2508]  
[Public Law 746]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That paragraph (1) of section 49b of the Organic Act of Puerto Rico (U. S. C., title 48, sec. 793b (1)) is amended by striking out "\$7,500" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$10,000 to be paid out of funds appropriated by Congress for such purpose".

Organic Act of  
Puerto Rico, amend-  
ment.  
61 Stat. 772.  
48 U. S. C., Supp.  
I, § 793b (1).

SEC. 2. Section 50 of the Organic Act of Puerto Rico (U. S. C., title 48, secs. 797 and 798) is amended to read as follows:

39 Stat. 967.  
48 U. S. C., Supp.  
I, § 797.

"SEC. 50. Except as otherwise provided in this or any other Act, the salaries and office expenses of all officials of Puerto Rico, including deputies, assistants, and other help, shall be such and be so paid out of the revenues of Puerto Rico as shall from time to time be determined by the legislature of Puerto Rico and approved by the Governor; and if the legislature shall fail to make an appropriation for such salaries, the salaries theretofore fixed shall be paid without the necessity of further appropriations therefor. Until otherwise prescribed as provided by this section the annual salary of the Governor shall be \$10,000; in addition to which he shall be entitled to the occupancy of the buildings heretofore used by the chief executive of Puerto Rico, with the furniture and effects therein, free of rental; and the annual salary of the head of each executive department shall be \$6,000.

Salaries and ex-  
penses of officials.

"Notwithstanding the foregoing, the annual salary of the chief justice of the supreme court shall be \$10,500, and the annual salary of each associate justice of the supreme court shall be \$10,000. All of said salaries of the chief justice and associate justices shall be paid in equal monthly installments.

Premium of bond.

"Where any officer, during such time as his salary is fixed by this Act, is required to give a bond, the premium thereof shall be paid from the insular treasury."

39 Stat. 962.

SEC. 3. So much of section 34 of the Organic Act of Puerto Rico (U. S. C., title 48, sec. 838) as reads "Except as otherwise provided in this Act, no law shall extend the term of any public officer, or increase or diminish his salary or emoluments after his election or appointment, nor permit any officer or employee to draw compensation for more than one office or position." is amended to read as follows:

"Except as otherwise provided in this Act, no law shall extend the term of any public officer, permit any officer or employee to draw compensation for more than one office or position, or increase or diminish the salary or emoluments of any senator or representative during the term for which he is elected or appointed."

39 Stat. 960.

SEC. 4. Section 31 of the Organic Act of Puerto Rico (U. S. C., title 48, sec. 820) is amended by striking out "That members" and inserting in lieu thereof "Until otherwise prescribed pursuant to section 50 of this Act, members".

*Ante*, p. 579.

39 Stat. 957.

SEC. 5. Section 20 of the Organic Act of Puerto Rico (U. S. C., title 48, sec. 786) is amended by inserting after "\$6,000" the following: "or such other sum not less than that payable to the head of any executive department as may be prescribed pursuant to section 50 of this Act".

*Ante*, p. 579.

39 Stat. 958.

SEC. 6. Section 22 of the Organic Act of Puerto Rico (U. S. C., title 48, sec. 779) is amended by inserting after "\$5,000" the following: "or such other sum as may be prescribed pursuant to section 50 of this Act".

*Ante*, p. 579.

39 Stat. 964.

SEC. 7. The third and fourth sentences of section 38 of the Organic Act of Puerto Rico (U. S. C., title 48, sec. 750) are amended to read as follows: "The public service commissioner shall devote his entire time to his duties as such commissioner. Until otherwise prescribed pursuant to section 50 of this Act—

"(a) the salary of the public service commissioner shall be \$6,000 a year, and

"(b) the compensation of the associated members shall be \$10 for each day's attendance at the sessions of the commission, but in no case shall they receive more than \$1,000 during any one year."

Effective date.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect thirty days after the date of its enactment.

Approved June 24, 1948.

#### [CHAPTER 611]

#### AN ACT

June 24, 1948

[H. R. 2867]

[Public Law 747]

To permit, subject to certain conditions, mining locations under the mining laws of the United States within that portion of the Harney National Forest, designated as a game sanctuary, and for other purposes.

Harney National  
Forest, S. Dak.  
Mining locations.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, subject to the conditions herein provided, mining locations may be made under the general mining laws of the United States on lands of the United States situated within the exterior boundaries of that portion of the Harney National Forest designated as the Custer State Park Game Sanctuary, South Dakota, created pursuant to the provisions of the Act of June 5, 1920 (41 Stat. 986), as amended. A locator shall have the right to occupy and use so much of the surface of the land covered by the location as may be reasonably necessary to carry on prospecting and mining, including the taking of mineral deposits and timber